

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. - 5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) ~~An assembly as recited in claim 3~~  
~~wherein~~ A necktie assembly, said assembly comprising:

a base member,

a face member disposed in an at least partially overlying  
and an interconnecting relation to said base member and at least  
partially defining an opening between said face member and said  
base member,

said opening is further defined by at least one  
intersection between said base member and said face member,

an attachment mechanism at least partially interconnected  
to said base member,

said attachment mechanism structured to engage at least a  
portion of a necktie passing through said opening, and

said attachment mechanism is movably interconnected to an  
outer surface of said base member.

7. - 25. (Cancelled).

26. (Currently Amended) ~~An assembly as recited in claim 25 wherein~~ A necktie assembly, said assembly comprising:

a base member,  
a face member movably interconnected to said base member,  
said face member disposed in an at least partially  
overlying relation to said base member,  
said overlying relation at least partially defining an  
opening between said base member and said face member,  
an attachment mechanism disposed in an operable orientation  
along a portion of said base member,  
said attachment mechanism structured to securely engage at  
least one portion of a necktie,  
said attachment mechanism comprising a biasing element  
structured to securely attach said necktie assembly to said at  
least one portion of the necktie,  
said portion of said base member comprising an outer  
surface, and

said biasing element further ~~comprises~~ comprising a plurality of guide members to facilitate disposition of said biasing element into said operative orientation along said outer surface.

27. (Original) An assembly as recited in claim 26 wherein said base member comprises a plurality of guide tracks disposed along

said outer surface, each of said guide tracks structured to receive a different one of said plurality of guide members.

28. (Original) An assembly as recited in claim 27 wherein each of said guide members are movably positionable within a different one of said guide tracks to permit disposition of said biasing element between an uncompressed configuration and a compressed configuration.

29. - 36. (Cancelled).